

divisional reissue applications are: 09/779,686 filed February 9, 2001; and 09/962,334 filed September 26, 2001.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 38 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 35 and 39 with the attached amended claims 35 and 39:

35. (Amended) A scanning exposure method in which in synchronism with movement of a first object formed with a predetermined pattern a second object is moved, thereby exposing sequentially a plurality of defined regions on said second object, comprising:

effecting an exposure onto one of the plurality of the defined regions on said

second object while moving said second object in a predetermined direction, and

after finishing the exposure, moving said second object in a direction

perpendicular to said predetermined direction while moving said second object in a direction

parallel to said predetermined direction.

39. (Amended) A scanning exposure method in which in synchronism with movement of a first object formed with a predetermined pattern a second object is moved, thereby exposing sequentially a plurality of defined regions on said second object, comprising:

effecting an exposure onto one of the plurality of defined regions on said second object while moving said first object in a first direction and moving said second object in a second direction corresponding to said first direction, and

after finishing the exposure, moving said second object in a direction parallel and perpendicular to said second direction simultaneously while decelerating said first object in said first direction.

